



Preparedness News and Information

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NATIONAL NEWS

[Rice Defends Bush Efforts to Combat Terrorism](#)

Washington Post, April 8, 2004

National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice defends the Bush administration's approach to the post 9/11 terrorist threat, but admits preparations were insufficient.

[Hurricanes, Too, Test U.S. Readiness](#)

The Miami Herald, April 8, 2004

At the National Hurricane Conference on Wednesday, emergency managers dedicated themselves to an "all-hazards" preparedness approach.

[Bird-flu Fear Sparks Huge Kill](#)

Globe and Mail, April 6, 2004

British Columbia authorities attempt to stave off a bird-flu epidemic from spreading as government workers kill 19 million birds.

[Homeland Security Pressured To Fill Post](#)

Washington Post, April 6, 2004

The Department of Homeland Security is being asked by local and congressional leaders to appoint a new coordinator to serve as the prime contact for officials in the District, Virginia and Maryland.

[Protecting Ports from Terrorists Needs Support](#)

Statesman Journal, April 6, 2004

DHS Secretary Tom Ridge announced Monday the need for private sector support to enhance port preparedness.

CONGRESS

HEARINGS

- [To hold hearings to examine safety concerns of America's Mass Transportation System](#), Senate Judiciary Committee, April 8, 2004.

LEGISLATION

- **S.2295** : A bill to authorize appropriations for the Homeland Security Department's Directorate of Science and Technology, establish a program for the use of advanced technology to meet homeland security needs, and for other purposes, April 7, 2004
- **S.2297** : A bill to improve intermodal shipping container transportation security. April 6, 2004
- **S.2289** : A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to combat terrorism against railroad carriers and mass transportation systems on land, on water, or through the air, and for other purposes. April 6, 2004

STATE AND LOCAL ACTIVITIES

[Cheboygan Schools Benefit from Homeland Security Grant](#)

Cheboygan Daily Tribune, April 6, 2004

Over 500 school districts throughout the state will benefit from an \$8.2 million grant from DHS. The Michigan initiative, which identifies schools buildings as critical infrastructure, is the first of its kind in the nation.

[Wildfires Remain Fact of Life](#)

News -Press.com, April 6, 2004

Authorities in southwestern Florida attempt to protect against wildfires through a public information campaign.

[Bernalillo Co. System Calls Residents in Emergencies](#)

KOB-TV, April 6, 2004

Bernalillo County, NW, now has a reverse-911 system that allows officials to send out recorded telephone messages to people who live in a certain area.

[Bioterrorism occupies Health Department time](#)

Helena Independent Record, April 6, 2004

Bioterrorism preparedness takes up much of the time of county health department officials, as a recent study shows that public health officials travel more often than their other public counterparts.

[Emergency Office Seeks New Name](#)

Lenawee Connection, April 7, 2004

Dealing with an issue facing many other emergency managers across the country, the Lenawee County (MI) Emergency Services director is seeking to change "Services" to "Management" to better reflect what his office does and to help eliminate confusion among the public.

[Maine Fighting for a Share of Anti-terror Funds](#)

Press Herald, April 6, 2004

Maine officials hope the US Congress devises a plan to allocate preparedness funds to small states like Maine that otherwise would get overlooked with a population-based approach.

[Region to Receive \\$3 Million in Grants](#)

Lansing State Journal, April 6, 2004

Communities in central Michigan will be the beneficiaries of more than \$3 million in homeland security grant funding.

[Kings Bay and Local Officials Create Emergency Response Task Force](#)

Navy Newsstand, April 5, 2004

The Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay and local emergency response officials have signed an agreement for mutual aid and training among the different agencies.

[EOC Teams Up with McDonalds in Statewide Weather Program](#)

The Daily Ardmoreite, April 2, 2004

More than 140 Oklahoma McDonalds are teaming up with local emergency management officials to bolster state preparedness during Oklahoma Family Preparedness Month.

RELATED INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- [NEMA Moves to Rehabilitate Religious Clash Victims](#)

SPOTLIGHT WEBSITE

- [Testimony of Condoleezza Rice Before 9/11 Commission](#)

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